

Violation of the provisions under reservation policy is punishable under Section 24 of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 vide section 4 of the Amending Act of 1984. Specific instances of large scale units producing items reserved for small scale sector in excess of their licensed capacity brought to the notice of the Government are looked into and appropriate action is taken by Administrative Ministries/Departments concerned.

To look into the complaints of violation of reservation policy relating to encroachment, Govt. have constituted a Committee to check entry/expansion of large/medium scale units into areas reserved for small scale sector under the chairmanship of Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries).

[Translation]

Suggestions Re. Sick P.S.Us. by Scope

3280. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of suggestions given by the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) to the Government in respect of the sick industries; and

(b) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No specific suggestion has been received from the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) in respect of sick industries.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Study by Nam Science and Technology Centre on Earthquake

3281. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NAM Science and Technology Centre, New Delhi have stated in their study that about 70 million houses are vulnerable to earthquakes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the corrective steps proposed in this regard?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The NAM Science and Technology Centre has not conducted any study regarding vulnerability of houses due to earthquakes.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Inspection of Foodgrains by Kendriya Bhandar

3282. SHRI-BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of wheat, rice etc. supplied to Kendriya Bhandar for distribution through ration shops is tested from time to time on the spot in Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). Food Corporation of India (FCI) supplies stocks of wheat, rice and sugar which conform to quality standards laid down in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA). Recipients of foodgrains

are provided facilities to inspect the stocks for quality and issues are subject to their satisfaction.

Foodgrains, sugar etc. are supplied to the Fair Price Shops (FPS) including Kendriya Bhandar outlets by the Delhi Administration. Samples of the grains are also provided to the FPS owners at the time of taking delivery and the same is required to be displayed in the FPS premises.

Officers of the Delhi Administration regularly visit the FPSs including FPSs run by Kendriya Bhandar for supervision of the quality of the items supplied under the PDS. As and when complaints about the quality of foodgrains are reported/received, remedial action is taken by the Delhi Administration, including replacement of stocks of complaints are found substantiated.

[English]

Impact of Devaluation on Drug Prices

3283. SHRI RAM PRAKASH
CHAUDHARY:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-
DEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether devaluation of the rupee has affected the cost of bulk drugs and their intermediates;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of its impact on the availability of these drugs and their formulations; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). The change in exchange rate of rupee vis-a-

vis major foreign currencies has affected such bulk drugs and their intermediates which are either imported or whose production involves use of imported raw materials/intermediates. Consequently, the Government had to revise the prices of 54 bulk drugs as a corrective measure to avoid shortages of such drugs and formulations based thereon.

[Translation]

Drinking Water Shortage in Villages of Faridabad.

3284. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the serious problem of drinking water in the villages of Faridabad, Haryana; and

(b) if so, the remediate steps proposed to be taken in the matters?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) 96 villages in Faridabad district in Haryana are facing shortage of drinking water supply.

(b) Augmentation schemes for 43 villages have been approved by the State Government of Haryana. Similar schemes for 53 villages are under preparation by the State Government.

[Translation]

Magnet Cities

3285. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities which have been declared as magnet cities by the Union Government during the last year;